



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Tuesday, April 5, 2016

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-1908)

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Present: Chairperson Bob Archuleta, 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Karimkhany Fatheree, 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, Commissioner Mark Burman, Commissioner Drake Dillard, Commissioner Andrew Friedman, Commissioner Jesse Gabriel, Commissioner Laurence M. Kaplan, Commissioner Edward Kim, Commissioner Ana Ponce, Commissioner Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Jerry Velasco and Commissioner Barry Waite

Absent: Commissioner Jules Bagneris III

Call to Order. (16-1057)

Chairperson Bob Archuleta called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Lieutenant Mark Wilkins, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Pico Rivera Station led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Barry Waite, Jerry Velasco and Anna Ponce joined the meeting at 9:35, 9:47, and 10:04 a.m., respectively.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of March 1, 2016. (16-1521)

On motion of Commissioner Barry Waite, seconded by Commissioner Edward Kim, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chair's report on various items for the month of March 2016. (16-1522)

On motion of Chairperson Bob Archuleta, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of May 3, 2016 without discussion.

3. Staff report on various items for the month of March 2016. (16-1523)

On motion of Chairperson Bob Archuleta, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of May 3, 2016 without discussion.

III. PRESENTATIONS

4. Presentation, discussion and take appropriate action on the Autism and Mental Health Training program that aids first responders and emergency personnel in interacting with and assisting people with Autism, neurological conditions and intellectual disabilities, as submitted by 1st Vice Chair Fatheree and 2nd Vice Chair Philips.

- Sergeant Traci Fox, Glendale Police Department
- Kate Movius, Chief Executive Officer, Autism Interaction Solutions
- Lieutenant John Gannon, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- Captain Timothy Murakami, City of Industry, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (15-3758)

1st Vice Chairperson Azita Karimkhany Fatheree provided a brief introduction of presenters who discussed the autism and mental health deficit training programs conducted by various law enforcement agencies and invited self-introductions from commissioners, audience and staff.

Sergeant Traci Fox of Glendale Police Department (GPD) has been a Training Sergeant for four and a half years in the Patrol Division. She shared her experiences with her autistic nephew who lives in Nevada and the seminar she attended that was hosted by the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The initial offer was a one-hour training course for Glendale's 240 Officers. A meeting that followed with Kate Movius, resulted in an additional hour training for officers to interact with autistic youth. As more was learned about Autism, GPD began offering families/caregivers tracking wristbands with the assistance of Project Lifesaver for autistic children that frequently wander from home and get lost.

There is an initial fee of \$375 for Families/caregivers to register in the National database and be provided with a wristband/tracking device for participants. Following years of service is \$100, which maintains the device, including battery changes. Extra devices will be available for families that cannot afford the program. Additionally, the program assigns an Officer to each client to visit every other month to replace the battery and spend time with client to establish a relationship. If client wanders off, the assigned officer if on duty will obtain the tracking device to locate the missing person. This also applies to Dementia, Down Syndrome and Alzheimer clients.

Lieutenant John Gannon, LASD, City of Industry, explained the PowerPoint presentation on their recently implemented autism and mental health training program that has Ms. Movius as one of the instructors. The six-hour training program includes a four-hour lecture with videos on people with developmental and mental health difficulties; a two-hour assimilation training for officers to apply life experiences; a debriefing session to discuss experiences; and a two-hour session for officers to experience a few of the conditions an autism person may experience along with hands-on experience with autistic youth.

Ms. Movius, noted children with autism have no sense of safety, danger and sometimes cannot feel their own body. Sarah Cox, Tamara Mark, Joy Astee and Bobbie Hendrickson, parents of children with autism also provided testimonies.

Lieutenant Natalie Gipson, LAPD, shared that the LAPD received a grant from Motorola to hold four eight-hour training sessions on autism with 400 police officers from different bureaus and lunch with children with autism. With limited funds for training, the course is now being offered through their E-LEARNING program.

Officer Geoffrey Snowden, Burbank Police Department (BPD), and Jennifer Hunt, Psy.D., Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) provided a brief overview of the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (BMHET). BMHET employs a co-response model that includes a Licensed Clinical Psychologist provided by LACDMH, and an officer, provided by the BPD, who responds together as a specialized unit to calls in the community. He also stated a City-wide collective effort can better solve problems with constituents.

Detective Paul Scire, LAPD, reported that approximately 650 LAPD officers had received a 40-hour training on the methods of identifying and approaching a person with autism, developmental and mentally health deficiencies. Officer Carlos Martinez, oversees the training. They work in collaboration with the Mental Health Interpreter Training organization (MHiT), the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the Autism Society. Prior to the trainings, the Autism Society would bring in an autistic youth or adult to the morning roll call/briefing meetings to talk and show examples of the behaviors and how a first responder can deescalate a situation that can be a difficult.

Commissioners Jerry Velasco, Jess Talamantes and 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Fatheree provided their comments.

Commissioners Friedman, Edward Kim, Drake Dillard and Anna Ponce left the meeting at 10:30, 11:00, 11:10 and 11:56 a.m., respectively.

Chairperson Bob Archuleta thanked all speakers for their informative presentations.

After discussion, On motion of Chairperson Bob Archuleta and by Common Consent, and there being no objection, this item was continued to a future meeting for further review and possible action.

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5. Presentation from District Offices to discuss goals and objectives for calendar year 2016. (16-0738)

On motion of Chairperson Bob Archuleta, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of May 3, 2016 without discussion.

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IV. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discuss, review and possible action on the Proposed 2016 Topics for Commission study. (16-1059)

On motion of Chairperson Bob Archuleta, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting of May 3, 2016 without discussion.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the authority, of matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-1076)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-1525)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of April 5, 2016. (16-1527)

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.